

**Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair AC, AO (Mil) RAN (Ret'd) former Governor of NSW**

Admiral Sinclair was born in November 1934. Whilst he is not an engineer, he had been closely involved with engineers and engineering throughout his career.

Educated: North Sydney Boys' High School, Royal Australian Naval College and Royal College of Defence Studies (U.K.)

He was Deputy Chief of Naval Staff 1989; Flag Officer Commanding the Australian Fleet, and Maritime Commander - Australia 1987-89; First Commandant, Australian Defence Forces Academy, Canberra 1984 to 1986; Chief of Staff and Deputy to Naval Support Commander 1983-84; Director-General, Military Staff Branch, Strategic and international Policy Division, Department of Defence 1980-81; Director, Naval Plans, 1979 to 1980; Commanding Officer: HMAS Hobart 1974-77; HMAS Duchess 1970-72. During the period 1952-1968 served in HMS Jutland, HMAS Vendetta, HMAS Vampire, HMAS Sydney, HMAS Swan, HMAS Vengeance, HMAS Australia, HMAS Arunta and HMAS Tobruk.

In December 1974, he took HMAS Hobart to Darwin to assist in post-disaster relief following the devastation of that city on Christmas Day by cyclone Tracy. When Hobart was given orders to sail for Darwin, she undergoing a refit with both boilers removed and dismantled and crew were on leave, some as far away as New Zealand. Although the refit was not due for completion until end January, she sailed in less than 48 hours!

Since his retirement from the Royal Australian Navy in 1989 he has operated the Flagship Poll Hereford Stud near Tea Gardens, New South Wales.

He served as the Premier's Special Co-ordinator for Nyngan and the Bogan Shire to restore normal operations following the total evacuation of the town because of major flooding in 1990. In this segment of his interview, Sinclair gives many fascinating insights into the problems associated with re-establishing the social fabric of Nyngan - the only town in Australia to have been fully evacuated.

Governor of New South Wales from 8 August, 1990 to 1 March 1996.

He is a member of Legacy and the Returned Services League and a former member of the interim Council of the Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney.

He was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia (Military Division) in 1986 and admitted as a Knight of Grace of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem in 1991.

In 1992 he was appointed a Companion in the Order of Australia (General Division) and in the same year conferred with the Degree of Doctor of the University of Sydney. In 1996, he was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate of the Southern Cross University.

In 1995, he had conferred upon him by the Celtic Council of Australia the Celtic Honour of CYFAILL y CELTAID (CyC) or Friend of the Celt. He was appointed a justice of the Peace (JP) in 1996.